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Subpart A—General

§ 69.1 Application of access charges.

(a) This part establishes rules for access charges for interstate or foreign access services provided by telephone companies on or after January 1, 1984.

(b) Except as provided in § 69.1(c), charges for such access service shall be computed, assessed, and collected and revenues from such charges shall be distributed as provided in this part. Access service tariffs shall be filed and supported as provided under part 61 of this chapter, except as modified herein.

(c) The following provisions of this part shall apply to telephone companies subject to price cap regulation only to the extent that application of such provisions is necessary to develop the nationwide average carrier common line charge, for purposes of reporting pursuant to §§ 43.21 and 43.22 of this chapter, and for computing initial charges for new rate elements: §§ 69.3(f), 69.106(b), 69.106(f), 69.106(g), 69.109(b), 69.110(d), 69.111(c), 69.111(g)(1), 69.111(g)(2), 69.111(g)(3), 69.111(l), 69.112(d), 69.114(b), 69.114(d), 69.125(b)(2), 69.301 through 69.310, and 69.401 through

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69.412. The computation of rates pursuant to these provisions by telephone companies subject to price cap regulation shall be governed by the price cap rules set forth in part 61 of this chapter and other applicable Commission rules and orders.

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§ 69.2 Definitions.

For purposes of the part:

(a) *Access Minutes* or *Access Minutes of Use* is that usage of exchange facilities in interstate or foreign service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. On the originating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is to be measured from the time the originating end user's call is delivered by the telephone company and acknowledged as received by the interexchange carrier's facilities connected with the originating exchange. On the terminating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is to be measured from the time the call is received by the end user in the terminating exchange. Timing of usage at both the originating and terminating end of an interstate or foreign call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating end exchanges, as applicable;

(b) *Access Service* includes services and facilities provided for the origination or termination of any interstate or foreign telecommunication;

(c) *Annual revenue requirement* means the sum of the return component and the expense component;

(d) *Association* means the telephone company association described in subpart G of this part;

(e) *Big Three Expenses* are the combined expense groups comprising: Plant Specific Operations Expense, Accounts 6110, 6120, 6210, 6220, 6230, 6310 and 6410; Plant Nonspecific Operations Expenses, Accounts 6510, 6530 and 6540, and Customer Operations Expenses, Accounts 6610 and 6620;

(f) *Big Three Expense Factors* are the ratios of the sum of Big Three Expenses apportioned to each element or category to the combined Big Three Expenses.

(g) *Cable and Wire Facilities* includes all equipment or facilities that are described as cable and wire facilities in the *Separations Manual* and included in Account 2410.

(h) *Carrier Cable and Wire Facilities* means all cable and wire facilities that are not subscriber line cable and wire facilities;

(i) *Central Office Equipment* or *COE* includes all equipment or facilities that are described as Central Office Equipment in the *Separations Manual* and included in Accounts 2210, 2220 and 2230.

(j) *Corporate Operations Expenses* are included in General and Administrative Expenses (Account 6720);

(k) *Customer Operations Expenses* include Marketing and Services expenses in Accounts 6610 and 6620, respectively;

(l) *Direct Expense* means expenses that are attributable to a particular category or categories of tangible investment described in subpart D of this part and includes:

(1) Plant Specific Operations expenses in Accounts 6110, 6120, 6210, 6220, 6230, 6310 and 6410; and

(2) Plant Nonspecific Operations Expenses in Accounts 6510, 6530, 6540 and 6560;

(m) *End User* means any customer of an interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier except that a carrier other than a telephone company shall be deemed to be an "end user" when such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes and a person or entity that offers telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an "end user" if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller;

(n) *Entry Switch* means the telephone company switch in which a transport line or trunk terminates;

(o) *Expense Component* means the total expenses and income charges for an annual period that are attributable to a particular element or category;

(p) *Expenses* include allowable expenses in the Uniform System of Accounts, part 32, apportioned to interstate or international services pursuant to the *Separations Manual* and allowable income charges apportioned to